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1. The Songjin National Steel Manufacturing Plant was composed of the following sections in September 1950: executive, personnel, confidential documents, accounting, labor, civil engineering, transportation, supply, steel manufacturing, semi-finished iron materials, steel rod, casting iron sheet, smelting, alloy, inspection, and switchboard. The factory was managed by KIM Yu-pil (金裕弼), with XI Ae-pung (李益朋) assistant manager. The six Soviet technicians returned to the USSR on 7 September 1950. The factory had 320 office workers, 4,800 laborers, and 130 technicians.
2. Products were as follows: tungsten, five tons daily; chrome, seven tons daily; carbide, ten tons daily; special steel, 135 tons monthly; pig iron, 800 tons monthly; sheet iron, 500 tons monthly. About 95 percent of the products were shipped to the Soviet Union and the remaining five percent, which did not pass inspection, was kept for domestic use.
3. On 27 August 1950 the plant was bombed for the first time; however, the last shipment to the USSR, of about 10,000 tons, was made in July. On 3 September, because of increased air raids, the plant was moved to a dug-out, an iron-reinforced cave at the foot of Mount Song Yong (Song Yong), where it was functioning at maximum capacity in July 1951. But only 400 workers and the following sections were moved to Mount Song Yong: electrical work, electrical installation, steel manufacturing, casting, and a special workshop for the manufacturing of hand grenades.
4. The Songjin National Tools Manufacturing Plant was moved to Mount Kumokso, Hamchon-ri, Songjin, by July 1951, and was producing bullets and hand grenades. About 24 lathes were operating and ten expert technicians were employed. Also employed were thirty skilled workers and ninety laborers.

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